

**Resolution  
of the  
City of Minneapolis**

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**Establishing a City of Minneapolis Youth Cabinet.**

Whereas, according to 2011 American Community Survey data, 34 percent of the people in Minneapolis are under age twenty-four and 20 percent are under eighteen; and

Whereas, over 27 percent of families with children under the age of 18 have incomes below the poverty level and over 32 percent of Minneapolis children (under age 18) live below the poverty line; and

Whereas, in 2010 the City Council approved City Goals and Strategic Directions that recognize that youth are key to our City's present and future and include aspirations that Youth are in school, involved, inspired and connected to an adult; teens are prepared with career and life skills: there is high-quality, affordable housing for all ages and stages in every neighborhood, that family-friendly opportunities and amenities abound; that tots are school-ready, teens are on course and teen pregnancy a thing of the past; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis approved a Blueprint for Action: Preventing Youth Violence in Minneapolis in 2008 to prevent youth violence; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis supports safety for children through Safe Routes to School program and manages the School Resource Officers for the Minneapolis Public Schools and integrates their work into the Minneapolis Police Department; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis and its Community Planning and Economic Development department supports the Minneapolis Promise including STEP UP, the Power of You and Achieve Minneapolis' College and Career Centers; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis Health Department supports healthy children through its school based clinics, the promotion of healthy foods, the reduction of childhood lead poisoning and teen pregnancy prevention; and

Whereas, in 1985 the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board was founded by the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board, the Hennepin County Public Library and the Minneapolis Public Schools; and

Whereas, for the 28 years since its founding, the City has actively and fully participated on the Youth Coordinating Board to promote the healthy development and well-being of Minneapolis youth through collaborative action and policy coordination; and

Whereas, in February, 2012 The City of Minneapolis signed the Youth Coordinating Board Compact: 2012 Commitment to Minneapolis Children and Young People, as a public jurisdiction dedicated to thoughtful and responsible leadership in partnership with residents to actively and strategically engage in the collaborative efforts to realize the Compact's positive vision for Minneapolis' children and young people; and

Whereas, in 2012 The City of Minneapolis starting including a State of Youth Results Minneapolis report to better track and measure the health and well-being of children and young adults in the city; and

Whereas, in 2011 the City Coordinator established a work group, co-chaired by the Director of the Health Department and the City Attorney, with representatives from the Minneapolis Police Department; Community Planning and Economic Development Department; Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, Civil Rights Department, and Intergovernmental Relations Department and subsequently has determined that it would be beneficial to the City to formalize a youth-focused work group;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council of the City of Minneapolis establishes a Youth Cabinet to:

1. Coordinate the City's role in implementing the Youth Coordinating Board Call to Action and Youth Compact;
2. Develop a framework for incorporating the needs of youth and families as a focal point of the work of the City;
3. Encourage department efforts to incorporate youth and children in their goals, business planning and work and identify resources to facilitate department efforts;
4. Identify and foster opportunities for engaging neighborhood and community partners in supporting youth and families; and
5. Connect and integrate city efforts to address issues affecting children and youth;

Be It Further Resolved that the membership of the Cabinet will include at least one representative each from the City Coordinator's Office, Health Department, Police Department, Civil Rights Department, Public Works Department, Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, Community Planning and Economic Development Department, all selected by the head of those departments, as well as one City Council Member appointed by the Council President; and one member from the Mayor's office appointed by the Mayor.

Be It Further Resolved that a seat will be reserved for a Youth Coordinating Board staff person who works with the Youth Congress.

Be It Further Resolved the work group will consult regularly with the Minneapolis Youth Congress.

Be It Further Resolved that the Cabinet will be coordinated by the City Coordinator, and that it will provide an annual report to the City Council each year.